

SOCIAL and HUMAN SERVICE ASSISTANTS provide many types of assistance to people in the community, from determining eligibility for welfare and health programs and counseling on child care to helping clients with physical and mental problems and those involved in drug and substance abuse. They help determine and locate appropriate social service agencies such as those providing health care and physical and mental rehabilitation. They work under the direction and supervision of nurses, counselors, social workers, psychologists, or other professionals and may be a member of a treatment team.

Many Human Service Assistants serve clients in hospitals, halfway houses, detoxification centers, residential care facilities, rehabilitation centers, and outpatient clinics where they provide training in daily living skills, personal communications, and personal and vocational counseling.

Requirements

- ▲ High school diploma or equivalent and some college.
- ▲ Good communication skills.
- ▲ Ability to motivate others while being sensitive to their needs.
- ▲ Interest in helping people and providing service to others.
- ▲ Fingerprint clearance may be required by employer.

Wages

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| ▲ Social and Human Service Assistants | |
| Median hourly wage: | \$13.99 |
| ▲ Average annual wage: | \$30,835 |

Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2006 by EDD/LMID.

Social and Human Service Assistants

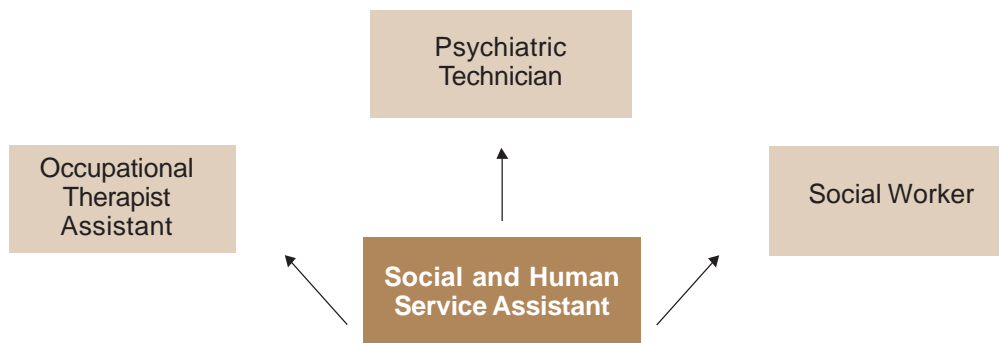
Job Outlook

- ▲ Estimated number of Social and Human Service Assistants in 2004: 27,800
- ▲ Estimated number of Social and Human Service Assistants in 2014: 35,800
- ▲ Estimated annual job openings: 1,290

Source: Occupational Projections, EDD/LMID.

Sources of Information

- ▲ National Organization for Human Service Education
(512) 692-9361
www.nohse.com
- ▲ *California Occupational Guide*, No. 564
Human Services Workers



Possible Career Paths

The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.